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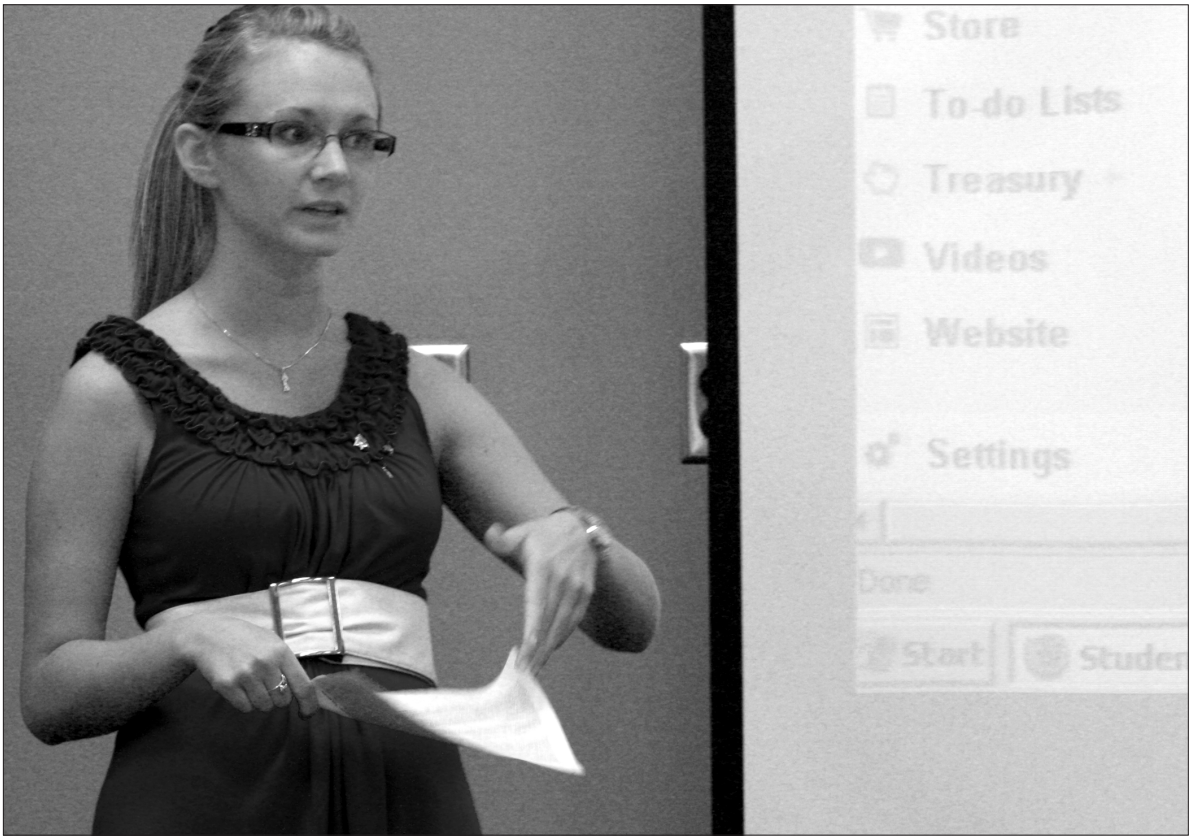
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Kaci Abolt, a junior communication studies major and the student vice president for student affairs, reads over different case studies of universities that implemented OrgSync. OrgSync provides campuses and institutions with a web-based communication system, and Abolt said the first-year cost to bring the system to campus would be about \$15,000.

SOC gets feedback on OrgSync

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

From praising the mass text feature to questioning how the cost of about \$15,000 would be managed, registered student organization members spoke their minds Tuesday on implementing OrgSync to campus.

OrgSync, a web-based community management system, provides features such as an integrated calendar of different organization events, a section where documents can be organized, an area where products like tickets and T-shirts can be purchased, and an option to send mass texts and emails to members.

Student Body President Ed Hotwagner, a senior mathematics major, described OrgSync as a combination of Panthermail, WebCT and Facebook during the Student Organization Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

Hotwagner led the organization members through browsing the features of an OrgSync sample website.

“One of the interesting aspects of OrgSync is its feature to track the progress of tasks that members are assigned,” Hotwagner said. “You can also decide who has access to certain information so members can see information non-members can’t and the same with officers.”

Stephanie Gribbin, a junior English major and the SOC represen-

tative from EIU Pride, said she thought the only reluctance of OrgSync would be the cost of bringing it to campus.

“Even though individual organizations wouldn’t be charged, I think the cost of initially getting it here would turn people off, particularly whoever has to foot the bill, but I think it would be a good way to build that community feel that Eastern has,” Gribbin said.

Kaci Abolt, a junior communication studies major and the student vice president for student affairs, said the estimated first-year fee for implementing OrgSync would be about \$15,000.

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OCCUPY MOVEMENT

Financial crisis to be discussed

By Zachary Kohlmann
Staff Reporter

While living in the underbelly of developing cities like Rio de Janeiro, Nairobi, Mumbai and Istanbul for two years, Robert Neuwirth became a part of the squatting communities he would later write about.

Neuwirth will be linking the economic crisis and its effects on the world, as well as how people react to the growing financial struggles during a speech today.

The Interdisciplinary Center for Global Diversity speaker series presents its newest installment: The Occupy Movement and the Global Economic Crisis, which will take place at 2 p.m. today in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

James Ochwa-Echel, director

of the Interdisciplinary Center for Global Diversity and an African Studies professor, said Neuwirth was chosen because of his background with developing countries.

Neuwirth has produced many publications as a business reporter, a political reporter and an investigative reporter on the staff of a variety of newspapers, news magazines and television stations.

“I think he’s in a good position to talk about this topic because he has experience with living in a third-world country, and I feel he can explain how interconnected the world is with this topic,” Ochwa-Echel said.

This presentation is the third in the series.

Ochwa-Echel said their first speaker covered diversity in schools, which was a good topic for the

time.

“We like to cover diverse topics,” Ochwa-Echel said.

Their speaker the following year was Peter Schraeder, a comparative foreign policy professor and African Studies at Loyola University, in a presentation titled “From Dictatorship to Democracy?” discussed protesting in North African and the Middle Eastern countries.

“The Interdisciplinary Center for Global Diversity’s mission is not only in terms of humanity but also in terms of issues and events that are occurring globally that many students can learn from,” Ochwa-Echel said.

Ochwa-Echel said the Interdisciplinary Center for Global Diversity Council plans to focus on environmental issues next year.

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CAMPUS

Students unhappy
with canceled concert

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Crummy. Disappointed. Surprised. Heartbroken.

When Eastern students discovered that the University Board would not be having a spring concert this year, those were just some of the words those asked expressed.

Frankie Miller, a sophomore education major, said he was upset when he found out.

“When I came here as a freshman and I heard Drake had been here the year before, I was so excited,” Miller said. “So I was heartbroken when I heard about this year.”

Rick Benson, a junior communication studies major, said he is always interested to see what artist is coming to Eastern for the spring concert.

“I feel like if (the UB) had picked a different date for the concert, they

would have had a better turnout,” he said.

Last year’s concert, featuring Mike Posner and the Far East Movement, was the night before Easter Sunday.

Benson said he thinks the UB should consider changing the way it advertises.

Jessica Rhymes, a junior psychology major, said she did not go to last year’s concert because she went home for Easter.

However, she said she thinks concerts would be more successful if Eastern brought bigger names to campus.

“Drake came on a Tuesday or Wednesday and it was still completely packed,” she said.

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CONCERT



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Anna Stipe, a sophomore music education major, plays bassoon February 27, 2011, during “The Art of the Wind Band,” a concert by Eastern’s Wind Symphony in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Symphony, chamber
musicians show talent

By Brian Vorce
Staff Reporter

The Eastern Wind Symphony is performing with a variety of chamber ensembles on Friday.

The concert will highlight the skills of Eastern’s top symphonic performers, as well as four ensembles that will showcase chamber music.

The “A Night of Chamber Music” concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Admission to the concert is \$5.

Alan Sullivan, the director of the Wind Symphony and the interim director of bands, said he hopes the concert will grant a greater appreciation for chamber music to both the audience and student performers.

“I hope (the concert) will expand their knowledge of various types of

ensembles to listen to,” Sullivan said.

Chamber music is identified by its relatively small number of players often with four or five per group.

Each of the four chamber ensembles are playing one composition apiece.

“With chamber music, you get to hear some different colors, some different music,” Sullivan said.


Sullivan said he was looking for something different for the concert and asked the chamber ensemble coaches if they had a group that wanted to perform.

Todd French, a coach for one brass quintet and Eastern tuba instructor, said chamber music is different from larger ensembles because there is no conductor to lead the group. He said the coaches meet with their respective ensemble once a week to offer guidance to the group.

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CORRECTION

Brian Bower’s name was spelled wrong in the March 21 article entitled “Ballot issues slow down results.”
The News regrets the error.

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CAMPUS

Service fair to aid Eastern veterans

Blood drive, guest lecture to take place

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Eastern is having its veterans service fair Rucksacks to Backpacks, which will provide a variety of service to veterans.

The fair, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, will feature many services for veterans of all ages, as well as families and friends of veterans.

This will be the first veterans service fair on campus.

The day will include the service fair, a blood drive and guest speakers available in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

JoAnn Heaton, one of the event coordinators, said the idea of the fair stemmed from her boyfriend, who is a 12-year veteran.

“He got back from Iraq in

2004 and at 36 years old is going back to school,” she said. “There’s different programs on campus that can help people like him, so this will bring everything together.”

Heaton said oftentimes military veterans do not seek out help, so this fair will bring all kinds of services to one place for them.

Amber Scott, one of the other event coordinators, said her brother inspired her involvement in the fair.

“He’s 20 years old and was deployed to Afghanistan last April and was wounded,” she said. “He’s now a Purple Heart recipient and goes around the country helping setting up job fairs for veterans.”

Scott said the veterans fair will be a “one-stop shop” for veterans of all generations including Iraq, Afghanistan, Korean, Vietnam and World War I.

Scott said along with the fair and the blood drive, there will be a display of the Illinois Patriot Guard Fallen Heroes Traveling

Memorial Wall, which is 45 feet long and will list all of Illinois’ fallen heroes.

“We’ll also have the Illinois Patriot Guard Riders there with their motorcycles and the Veterans Affairs Mobile vehicle will be there as well,” Heaton said.

Heaton said the reason the service fair is called Rucksacks to Backpacks is because veterans come back from overseas, put down their rucksacks and pick up their backpacks to go to school.

“There will be a Drop Zone where people can drop off school supplies for veterans going back to school,” Heaton said.

Scott said Mike Ruybal, Eastern’s veteran coordinator, wanted to start a movement to provide backpacks filled with everything a veteran would need to go back to school, including school supplies. “That’s where the donations come in,” Scott said.

There will be speakers throughout the day including representatives from the Coles County Health Department, Illi-

nois Department of Employment Security and the Mattoon Veterans Affairs Clinic, Eastern’s Financial Aid, as well as a veteran speaker from Vietnam.

The fair portion of the day will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

“The blood drive is in memorial of Darrell Eaton, a Charleston community member, who over the course of his lifetime donated 26 gallons of blood,” she said. “He was also a marine.”

The blood drive portion of the day will take place from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King University Union.

Scott said the fair will be the first of its kind in the Midwest.

“We’re going completely across the board,” Heaton said. “Anyone who has been called to serve their country is more than welcome.”

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CITY

Group prepares to protest anti-abortion legislation

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

The Illinois United Against the War on Women group will travel to Springfield on Thursday in order to protest two proposed House Bills that will be presented to the Illinois General Assembly on the same date.

Tari Parr, the downstate coordinator and Springfield event coordinator for group, said the group will travel to Springfield to oppose House Bill 4085 and House Bill 4117.

Parr said House Bill 4085 would require all women to have a mandatory ultrasound before undergoing an abortion.

Parr also said the passing of this bill would allow the abortion to be part of a women’s permanent medical file with the Department of Public Health.

House Bill 4085 states the reason for the procedure to be for the “the psychological and physical well-being of a woman considering

an abortion that she receive complete and accurate information on the reality and status of her pregnancy and of her unborn child,” as well as to “protect the unborn child from a woman’s uninformed decision to have an abortion.”

Parr said House Bill 4117 would make women’s health clinics who perform surgical abortions or provide patients with the actual abortion pill to comply with new, more stringent standards and regulations.

Parr said the new standards and regulations would cost between hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars, causing many smaller clinics to close. Parr said these clinics provide resources such as sexually transmitted disease testing, preventive medicine such as breast exams, and birth control.

“I am very, very proud to see your generation there standing up for this, because we’re getting old,” Parr said. “We need people from your generation to step forward and carry the torch and make sure that women’s rights are not violated.”

Parr said the rally on Thursday will include speakers from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Chicago Abortion Fund, a practicing physician, and the Feminist Action Alliance from Western Illinois.

“We felt that in Illinois, it was very important that we make a statement at the state capitol when the state legislatures were in session,” Parr said.

Parr said the two bills were approved by the state’s Agriculture and Conservation Committee and will be presented to the full state House on Thursday for consideration.

Jeannie Ludlow, the director for the Women’s Studies program, said the reason the Agriculture and Conservation Committee approved the two bills was because there is no rule in the State of Illinois that says which committee a proposed bill must pass through in order to be accepted.

Ludlow said in order for a prospective bill to be presented to the

house, it must be accepted by a committee, allowing the authors of the bill to chose which committee would be more likely to accept the bill.

“We are not livestock. We are not cattle. We are not sheep. For the state to think they can sneak this in the back door through the agriculture committee is just ludicrous,” Parr said. “They have no business trying to restrict a women’s access in the agriculture committee.”

Parr said if the attack on women’s rights continues, women will find themselves in the same position as women from the ’50s and ’60s.

“I’m not willing to go back there,” Parr said. “I’m doing this for my grandchildren and for your generation. This has got to stop. Women are under attack and this is not OK.”

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FISHING



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Michael March, a senior sociology major, and Daniel Martin, a sophomore biological sciences major, are members of the EIU Fishing and Hunting Club. March and Martin won \$1,000 for catching a 14.8 pound bass at a March 11 competition in Table Rock, Mo.

Students win \$1,000 in fishing competition

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Two members of the EIU Hunting and Fishing Club recently won \$1,000 at a competition in Table Rock, Mo. Daniel Martin, a sophomore biology major, and Michael March, and senior sociology major, traveled to Missouri on March 11, where they placed 5th in the competition sponsored by Forrest L. Wood Outdoors. The group's adviser, Mark Kattenbraker, said members of the EIU Hunting and Fishing Club usually compete in FLW

Outdoors national collegiate competitions. "This is our first win, a fifth place finish at Table Rock in Missouri," Kattenbraker said. The win qualifies Martin and March for a bigger regional tournament, and if they do well there, they will move on to a national competition. "It was very significant for us in terms of getting the club and Eastern some exposure," Kattenbraker said. "Having the EIU name out there on a regional and national level is great." March, one of the winners, said when they got to the competition and were

about to begin, the motor on their boat died and they had to go through the morning without a motor. "It made the going a little tough, but it was a good experience anyway," he said. March said he and Martin were navigated by a professional that traveled with them. "It was really neat to meet students from other colleges across the Midwest," he said. "We got a chance to compete at an almost professional level and live our dream." Martin, the other winner, said he and March stayed fairly close to the marina during the course of the competition.

"We were targeting 25 feet of water for depth," he said. Martin said they found their winning bass in transition water, where the material at the bottom of the lake changed consistency. "We stayed in the same area all day and fished for six hours," Martin said. "We had our limit in the boat by 10 a.m." Most of the fish were caught by March, Martin said, but the prize-winning 14-pound, 8-ounce fish was his. "I'm big into tournament fishing and going pro is my dream," Martin said. Kattenbraker said the money will be

split 70-30, with 70 percent of winnings going to Martin and March, and 30 percent to the club. Kattenbraker said the club has been a part of Eastern for about four years and currently has 10 active members who regularly participate on meetings and competitions. As a club, they have cookouts, fishing outings and go skeet shooting. They are planning a fishing and social event on April 20 at Lake Charleston.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate to host open forum with administrators

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

Every semester, the Student Senate hosts an open forum, but this semester students will have the chance to meet with Eastern's president and administrators prior to the meeting. President Bill Perry, William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, and Daniel Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, will be meeting students at 6:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The actual meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples, a sophomore history major, said the purpose of the open forum is to give students an opportunity to better get to know the Student Senate members and how they operate during a meeting. "We're trying something new," Samples said. "It will give President Perry a change to meet with students and students a chance to meet with us." The idea of the Student Senate open forum began in 2006 with a program titled "What's Your Beef?" The idea was reintroduced in 2008 and takes place every semester. While Perry is only scheduled to at-

tend the meet and greet, Weber will stay and present the findings of the University Strategic Plan at the meeting. Justine Ryan, a junior communication studies major and a Student Senate member, said she is excited to speak with the university administrators in order to build a stronger connection between the two governing bodies. "This will allow us to find out their needs and express ours as well," Ryan said. "We do both serve the students." Ryan said she is also hoping to see more student interest and participation at the meeting. "Last semester, we did not have that

great of a turnout," Ryan said. "I'm hoping it will be better this time because elections are occurring." Unofficial student government election results from Monday and Tuesday's online elections will also be announced at the meeting. The group will revisit the three proposals concerning funding for Panther Service Day for T-shirts, marketing and supplies for the event. The proposals were tabled at Student Senate's March 21 meeting. In new business, the Student Senate members will also hear the proposed budgets of the Apportionment Board, the Student Recreation Center,

the University Board and the student government. The budgets were previously unanimously approved by the Apportionment Board at its meeting on March 22. The senate will also hear a proposed line item within this year's budget to pay for some unexpected overtime. "An electrician had to work a little longer than expected from previous years at the First Night event," Samples said. "We have the money but just have to transfer it."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Shift toward
online classes
wrong path

Last fall, the university established the Online Learning Committee to analyze Eastern’s history of online courses compared to other institutions and to make recommendations to strengthen online learning.

In Spring 2011, 1,579 students were enrolled in Eastern online courses, compared to 3,412 students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and 9,797 students enrolled at DePaul University, according to the report presented by the committee.

The committee is advocating for growth in the number of online courses Eastern offers because it could bring in tuition money from those who would not usually be able to attend on-campus classes because of time constraints.

We’re not here to hate on online courses. For some people, it is a great option. Continuing Education students can fit their schoolwork in between full-time jobs and families. Students with full schedules can find a more convenient way to fit an additional course in.

However, our worry is that this push for more online learning will encourage students to use these classes as a crutch, and not as a tool. Les Hyder, a journalism professor who has taught online courses for three years and a member of the committee, told the *The Daily Eastern News* on March 23 that all students should be familiar with some form of online training to prepare for future careers.

We agree. With the shrinking job market, it is likely many students will have to apply for several jobs before landing one, and may have to apply for jobs in fields outside their major. To save money and handle the influx of applications resulting from the recession, many employers are relying on online applications and web courses for training. Taking an online course also takes much self-discipline, another good skill to master while in college.

To ensure students gain some experience in online courses, the committee is recommending every student be required to take at least one online course while at Eastern.

We do not think this would benefit students in the long run. Yes, some students can adapt to the more independent mode of study. However, most students learn best in a classroom environment with face-to-face interaction. Such a requirement would necessarily increase the number of online courses students can take and would likely limit the number of in-class courses offered at Eastern. The cons in shifting our college education online far outweigh the pros.

There are crucial aspects of education that are best suited to the classroom—the chance to meet and learn from classmates, the ability to work through the material together and engage in intellectual debate, the opportunity to meet with professors after class and go through a paper—that simply can’t be replicated online. Also, professors have more control over academic integrity in person than they do online.

We came to Eastern for a hands-on learning experience. If we wanted to buy an online education, we could have stayed home and enrolled in the University of Phoenix.

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COLUMN

An appeal to reason: celebrate Eastern secularism

This weekend, I had the honor to attend the first-ever “Reason Rally.” The event in Washington, D.C., attended by an estimated 20,000 non-theists, was our “coming out party,” as one speaker put it. Atheists, agnostics and rationalists of all genders, races and backgrounds showed up on the National Mall to say it’s OK to be nonreligious.

There is only one open atheist in Congress: Rep. Pete Stark, D-Cal. Politicians seem allergic to secularism; just acknowledging our existence in his inaugural speech drew criticism for President Obama from the religious community. Americans who describe themselves as nonreligious make up 16 percent of the population—a larger minority than Jews, African Americans or Muslims, according to Pew Forum.

I am the president of Eastern’s Society for Free Thought, the only group on campus for students without faith. We are students from various majors who happen to be atheist or agnostic. We also have a good relationship with one of the Christian RSOs on campus.

Earlier this semester, we raised more than \$150 for Planned Parenthood while it was attacked nationally. On April 19, we will participate in “National Ask an Atheist Day” on the Library Quad. Aron Ra, a YouTube celebrity and the acting Texas State Director of American Atheists, will speak about the role of faith in society at 8 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

And last weekend, four of us caught a charter bus in Indianapolis. We spent a total of six hours in the car, 24 hours on the bus, and 12 hours in the pouring rain to attend the Reason



Sarah Bigler

Rally. My fellow members and I stood on the National Mall and joined American atheists in saying, “We’re here! Get used to it!”

I later described the rally as an “atheist variety show.” There was music from atheist band Bad Religion and folk singer Shelley Segal. Tim Minchin and Eddie Izzard provided comedy. Bloggers Hemant Mehta, the “Friendly Atheist,” and Greta Christina, spoke alongside authors Dan Barker and Taslima Nasrin. Youth activist Jessica Ahlquist spoke, who just won a court case in her home state of Rhode Island to have a prayer banner taken down in her public high school.

But by far the most popular speaker was Richard Dawkins, evolutionary biologist and atheist extraordinaire. He spoke despite having received three death threats. He spoke about the importance of the event, and how reason was such a simple idea.

“Who would rally against reason?” he asked. He suggested that it was frustrating that there’s a need for a rally for reason, and that anyone would want to protest logic.

But protesters there were. The infamous Westboro Baptist Church showed up to call us “fags” and to damn us to hell, but that was OK,

because they refused to speak to us. The name-calling was done purely by signage.

Others were not so quiet. Christian groups showed up with signs and microphones, calling on us to repent our evil ways and to trust in Jesus for salvation. Their emotional pleas and personal testimony served to prove our point that our message isn’t based on emotion and faith—it’s based on logic and, yes, reason. They were more frustrated, I think, that we weren’t angry. We were there to participate and have a good time. The protesters were the only angry ones present Saturday.

With the Washington Monument in front of us and the Capitol Building behind, it was painfully obvious that our voices are not being heard in Washington. Greta Christina said she was upset that Rick Santorum, whose brand of politics seems bent on the destruction of secularism, is a serious contender for president. The line between church and state is becoming ever more blurred in American politics.

As 16 percent of the population, the point we’re trying to make is clear: we exist. We are your friends, your family members, and the ones serving you coffee. We are not scary people; we have a different way of looking at the world, and we deserve the same respect as you.

If you are questioning your faith, it’s OK to say so. Attend one of our meetings. I hope everyone will come ask questions April 19, and then come see Aron Ra at 8 p.m. We’re here. Come talk to us.

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FROM THE EASEL



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GUEST COLUMN

Call the coroner, student government is flatlining

By Sean McElhenny

I find it comical that anyone would want to run for the student government. Then I’m reminded of the new student government payment plan. The recently passed plan offers \$2,500 to five members of the group every semester, as long as they sit in the office for five hours and come to a weekly meeting.

If I didn’t think members would fight to make sure I didn’t get elected, I would run. At least then we could have a discussion about the current candidates’ qualifications and ideas were, instead of just handing them positions that pay \$24 per hour. (That number is figured out by dividing the \$2,500 tuition payment by the 105 hours they are required to work in a semester.)

I mean, they are doing so much to help you get a better education and doing whatever they

can to make sure that your tuition isn’t going up. Sorry, I can’t find the sarcasm font on my computer, but I would have used it on that last sentence.

I’m working at this school too, as a student building service worker. I make minimum wage, don’t get an office and wouldn’t have a job if I sat for even five minutes doing homework when I am supposed to be working. I also volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Nine hours per week, or my entire Saturday, is spent helping a family in this community get stability in their life and beautiful home to live.

The student government just voted to eliminate a position (making sure that someone else in the Student Senate has to do a lot more work without any pay). They also cut \$499 from their budget so that the Apportionment Board would approve all the budgets brought to them. If they had given themselves \$2,000, as

I had suggested and they had considered, it would have saved \$2,500 more in the budget (five times the actual cut). The student government also took our tuition money and printed hundreds of copies of blank letters that they then left out in the Union and expected us to stop and sign for them. Not sure how much that cost, but it came from our tuition and not theirs.

I hope the best for our new student body president Kaci. Maybe she will explain to us what it means to have “Goals and Experience” and what she plans to get done. Unless she models her office expectations off those of the current president or the previous one, then... God only knows what surprises lay in store for us for the next academic year.

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Sparks are flyin’



SHEA LAZANSKY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Charleston resident Tyler Johnson grinds down the edge of his project outside of the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Tuesday. Johnson is working on constructing a table out of metal, a support grate and glass.

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“I think it is important for students to know current issues, especially with our current economic status,” Ochwa-Echel said. “This has a real impact that’s not just a problem being restricted to the U.S.”

The Interdisciplinary Center for Global Diversity wants to promote research by offering grants that allow students and faculty from the interdisciplinary majors and minors in African Studies, Asian Studies, Latin Ameri-

can Studies and Women’s Studies programs to compete for, Ochwa-Echel said.

“I encourage students to attend, as well as look at our webpage and see if they can apply for the grants we offer for interdisciplinary research,” Ochwa-Echel said.

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MUSICIANS, from page 1

“I can help motivate them to be better. I can help them learn about the music,” French said. “I am very proud of (my) quintet.”

The 44-member Wind Symphony will play three pieces.

Sullivan said the music will be very contemporary, including a tune inspired by the Led Zeppelin song “Black Dog” and another written by W. Francis McBeth, who died Jan. 6.

Lindsey Alexander, a percussion

performance major and graduate student, said she likes the music that the director picked.

“I think it’s going to be great,” Alexander said. “We’ve been practicing for over a month now.”

Sullivan said he thinks the audience will enjoy the performance.

“I think it’s going to be a great night of music,” Sullivan said.

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OrgSync, from page 1

The cost is one of the more expensive options OrgSync offers because they would want to choose the maximum organization preference, which provides the service to 200 or more student groups, Abolt said.

“More and more RSOs are created every semester and we wouldn’t

want to turn away any organizations,” she said.

If the Eastern community shows enough support for purchasing the system, they may try to form a new student fee to pay for OrgSync, Hovwagner said.

“There is no chance of bringing this to campus if the students and

departments and offices are not on board,” he said.

Gribbin said the way features are organized on OrgSync might cause more people to want to join groups and contribute to tasks.

“I liked how organized it is because our group currently uses a Facebook page so things that are

important get pushed down the feed,” Gribbin said. “It would also make assignments more organized and comprehensive because we have some huge events like the Diva Drag Show and the Sex Positive Fair where every member is involved.”

After providing feedback and reading case studies from other uni-

versities who use purchased OrgSync, the organization members scheduled a webinar session for April 17 with Courtney Jerdan, the OrgSync director of business development.

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CORRECTION

A story in Monday's sports section incorrectly listed a court date for Malcom Jackson. Jackson's charges were

reduced to a criminal misdemeanor on March 19.
The News regrets the error.

BASEBALL, from page 8

The following inning, the Billikens offensive attack was once again threatening to push runs across the plate as they had runners in scoring position with two outs in the sixth inning. Junior left fielder Alex Kelly blasted a ball to right-center field that appeared would be a two-run double, but freshman Caleb Howell chased down the ball and fully extended his body to make a potential game-saving diving catch to end the inning.

"Off the bat it started right in center field, but as a right fielder you just have to assume the ball is going to come your way," Howell said. "I just kept going over there and it kept coming towards me and coming towards me. I just layed out and made the play."

Ranking the highlight-reel catch to the other plays he has made in his career, Howell said this one was the best.

"That's one of the best," Howell said. "That's the best one, I think. This is Division-I baseball, and it was one of my best catches I've ever made."

The diving catch ended the two-out rally and negated what could have set up a game-changing scenario.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, the Panthers got a much-needed insurance run on a mammoth solo homerun

to right field by shortstop Ryan Dineen. It was Dineen's first homerun of the season, and the Panthers third homerun of the game after recording just three long balls in the first 21 games of the season.

The Panthers continued to rely on the homerun ball to provide their offensive firepower as junior center fielder Nick Priessman connected with a fast-ball, recording a three-run homerun to give Eastern a 13-6 lead that they would never relinquish. It was Priessman's first homerun of his career.

"It's a pretty good win mid-week," Dineen said. "We had a lot of guys show they can pitch and the bats finally came through. We're just hoping we can carry it into this weekend and get these OVC games going. Everyone feels good, but SEMO is a good team. Hopefully we can take two-of-three. That's our goal every weekend."

With the win, the Panthers improve to 9-13 overall, and will be back in action this weekend when they will host Southeast Missouri State. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m., on Friday at Coaches Stadium.

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SOFTBALL, from page 8

The top of the ninth was a scary inning for Eastern as Butler scored the first run in the ballgame. Junior second baseman Meaghan Sullivan singled to left then promptly stole second, putting herself in scoring position with two outs. Maday was able to get a ground ball to the second baseman Carly Willert, which she ended up bobbling, giving Butler their first lead. Willert would have a chance to redeem herself later in the game.

With only four hits and trailing by one entering the bottom of the ninth inning, things looked very grim for the Panthers. Abby Wood started the inning off well with a pinch-hit single. Carly Willert, whose error allowed Butler to take the lead, redeemed herself in a big way with an infield single to put runners on first and second with no outs. Reynae Hutchinson came to the plate as a pinch hitter and walked to load the bases. Hannah Cole got the call to the plate as the third pinch hitter of the inning and didn't miss the chance to win the game for Eastern. She roped the ball to the outfield and ended up driving in two runs to win the game with a walk off single.

Stephanie Maday improved her record to 9-6 on the season.

The second game of the doubleheader was another pitchers duel between Eastern and Butler starters that resulted in a 1-0 Butler win.

Sophomore Hanna Mennenga took the mound for the Panthers and pitched one of her best games of the season, going the complete seven innings while only allowing four hits and one unearned run. She also struck out six Bulldog hitters.

Mennenga was matched inning for inning by Butler starter Leah Bry, who also went seven innings while striking out 12 Panther batters and only allowing five hits.



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Sophomore pitcher Hanna Mennenga winds up for a throw during a game against Butler Tuesday at Williams Field.

The Panthers downfall came in the top of the fourth inning when Butler freshman outfielder Sarah Gronowski reached on an error. She advanced to second on a hit and run and was driven in on a double by Butler senior Lauren McNulty. That would be the only run Butler needed to win the game.

Even though she did not allow an earned run, Eastern starter Hanna Mennenga picked up the loss on the mound. Her record is now 4-4 for the year.

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette was very pleased with Mennenga's performance, but wishes the end result could have been different.

"I'm glad we won game one for her (Maday) and our team," Schuette said. "It's just really too bad we didn't win game two with the way Mennenga threw. She deserves to win with no walks, 6 K's and

only a couple hard hit balls."

Overall, Schuette thought the pitching staff was great, but said that the offense will need to find ways to win the close games.

"It was a great day for the pitching staff, but its unfortunate for our offense and team," Schuette said.

"Those games are ones we have to find ways to win with bunts, stolen bases, walks, hit by pitches, and being able to hit a ground ball when needed."

Eastern now has a 13-13 overall record for the season. Their next game will be the series finale against in-state conference foe Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Thursday at 4 p.m., in Edwardsville.

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BASKETBALL

Spoonhour wants to bring fast play style



KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jay Spoonhour, the first of five potential men's basketball head coaches to visit campus, talks about his plans to utilize a fast-paced offense in order to execute "easy shots" like dunks and lay-ups Tuesday in the Lantz Club Room.

Second finalist interview today

By Dominic Renzetti & Anthony Catezone
Sports Editor & Staff Reporter

Jay Spoonhour believes in playing fast.

"Try to play fast, as fast as you can play," Spoonhour said in his public interview Tuesday. "You want to play fast because it gets you easy baskets."

Spoonhour, currently the head coach at Moberly Area Community College in Missouri, came to Eastern on Tuesday as the first of five coaches to make his on-campus public appearance as a finalist for the head men's basketball coaching position.

Spoonhour said he believes the Panthers can be a team that competes with the top teams in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"Can we beat Murray? Sure, why not?" he said. "Who says we can't? There's no reason EIU can't do that."

Spoonhour's philosophy was simple: get the right players and win games.

"We're gonna get some players and we're gonna win games," he

"I'm a junior college coach, but that's not who I am"

Jay Spoonhour, candidate for Miller's replacement

said. "Let's get a couple guys that can make (baskets) and get a couple guys who can throw it to 'em."

Spoonhour, the son of Charlie Spoonhour, has been an assistant coach at Texas-San Antonio, Missouri, UNLV, Valparaiso and St. Louis, while also being a head coach at Wabash Valley College. It was at Wabash Valley College where Spoonhour won the NJCAA National Championship.

Despite his success at the junior college level, Spoonhour said he is not a junior college coach at heart.

"I'm a junior college coach, but that's not who I am," he said.

He played college basketball at Pittsburgh State, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1994.

Spoonhour said he likes what he sees in Eastern and the people who run it.

"I love what I've seen in this place," he said. "You've got a president who understands sports and he understands competition because he was a player."

Spoonhour also emphasized that he wants to have fun.

"It needs to be fun. You get one go around at this. It better be fun," he said.

Two current Eastern basketball players were also in attendance, red-shirt juniors James Hollowell and Taylor Jones.

Hollowell said he thinks Spoonhour could be a good fit for the Eastern program.

"I think he's a good candidate, Barbara (Burke) and her staff brought good people in," he said. "It was nice meeting him and nice hearing him talk. I think he's a good guy and he'd be a good fit."

The second finalist to appear will be Brian Fish, an assistant at Oregon. Fish will be on campus today at 4 p.m., in the Lantz Club Room.

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BASEBALL

Panthers upset No. 30 Saint Louis

By Jordan Pottorff
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern's baseball team recorded its second win of the season against a nationally ranked opponent, knocking off No. 30 Saint Louis 13-6 on Tuesday in its home opener at Coaches Stadium. The 13 runs are the most Eastern have scored in a game this season, and the upset win also snapped the Billikens program-best 13-game winning streak.

"We needed a game that would give our guys a lot of confidence, and I don't think you can get a better win at home to give our guys confidence on the mound and at the plate," said Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz.

The upset bid didn't start on a good note as freshman right-hander Andrew Grahn struggled to find his command in the opening innings of play. The Billikens high-powered offensive attack forced Grahn to throw 27 pitches in the opening frame, recording two runs on one hit and three walks. The first inning threat could have put the Panthers in a deeper hole, but freshman right fielder Caleb Howell made an incredible diving catch in foul territory to end the Billikens rally.

Facing a two-run deficit in the bottom of the first inning, Eastern's offensive attack broke out of its season-long offensive slump scoring three runs in the first inning of play. The quick start was fueled by three RBI singles, an error and two walks as all nine batters recorded plate appearances in the first inning.

Eastern's offensive attack continued to swing the hot bat as sophomore catcher Jacob Reese recorded his first homerun of his collegiate career. Reese connected on a fastball, and drove it to deep left field to make the score 5-3 in



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Red-shirt senior infielder T.J. McManus (left) slides into second as Saint Louis University freshman infielder Alec Sole (center) throws the ball from the ground to SLU junior infielder Mike Levine during Eastern's 13-6 home opener victory at Coaches Stadium Tuesday. McManus was called out after the close slide into second base.

the bottom of the third inning.

The Panthers continued to add to their lead in the fourth inning as red-shirt senior Ben Thoma broke out of his power slump by belting a fastball to straight away center field for a towering homerun to lead off the inning. It was Thoma's first homerun of the season after crushing a team-leading 11 homeruns last year.

"The goal was to swing the bats," Schmitz said. "We have been late on fastballs, and we just can't be late on fastballs. With the wind blowing in, it's

really amazing how well we hit the ball."

Following Thoma's homerun, the Panthers added two more runs in the fourth inning to take a five-run advantage. Junior Nathan Sopena doubled to left field to score junior Nick Priessman, who was then driven in by junior Ryan Dineen on a fielder's choice to make the score 8-3.

After taking a five-run lead into the top of the fifth inning, the Panthers ran into trouble as the Billiken offense responded with two runs to cut the deficit to three. Junior third baseman Grant

Nelson capitalized on a run scoring opportunity by driving the ball up the middle for a two-RBI single. Panther center fielder Nick Priessman attempted to gun out the runner advancing to third, but his throw was off target, sailing into the Billikens dugout, awarding the Billikens with a run and an extra base. With Nelson on third and the Billikens threatening to score, senior Darin Worman responded with two clutch strikeouts to end the rally and keep the lead intact.

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SOFTBALL

Panthers split with Bulldogs

By Erik Jensen
Staff Reporter

The Eastern softball team split a pair of hard fought games against the Butler Bulldogs at Williams Field.

Game one was a classic pitchers duel that ended with Eastern defeating Butler 2-1 in a nine-inning stunner.

Sophomore ace Stephanie Maday started the game for Eastern and had one of the best performances of her young career. She pitched the full nine innings, striking out a career high 15 batters. She also gave up one run (unearned) and only three hits.

Not surprisingly, Eastern head coach Kim Schuette was extremely proud of her effort on the mound.

"Maday threw an awesome game," Schuette said. "She was getting ahead and working the zone the entire game. 15 strikeouts and a commanding presence should give her a lot of confidence."

Butler threw three pitchers in the game who each found success against the Panther lineup. Jenny Esparza was the starter for Butler and ended up pitching four innings while striking out nine Panthers and only allowing one hit.

Going into the bottom of the seventh inning, Eastern had an opportunity to win the game with a single, but pinch hitter Ashley Anderton struck out to take the game into the eighth.

In the bottom of the eighth, Eastern would have yet another chance to end the game. They had the bases loaded with their clean up hitting senior center fielder Hayley Pieper coming up to the plate. Pieper was able to work the count full, but ended up striking out to end the inning.

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